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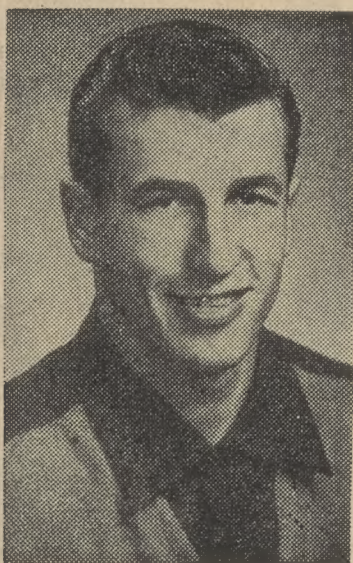
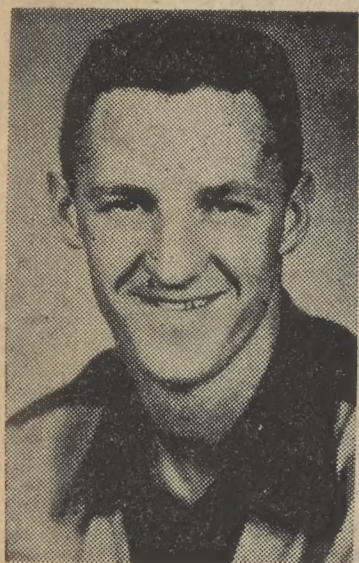
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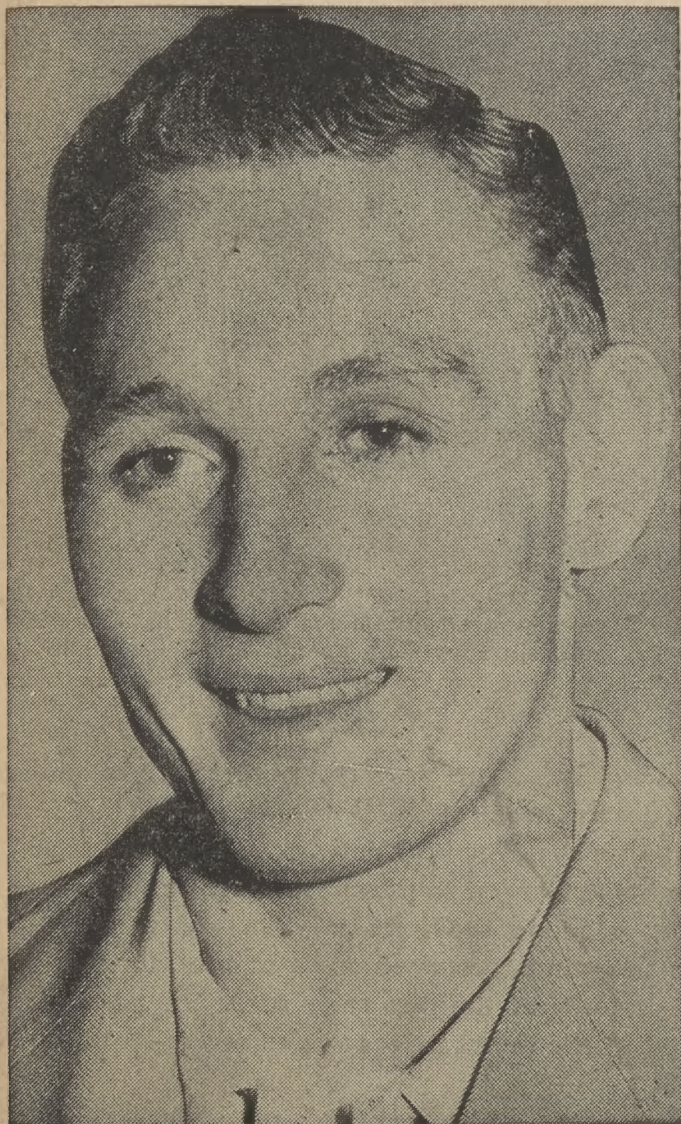
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Steve Mendryk, left, and Oscar Kruger are veteran members of the 'overtown' Eskimos and veterans, too, around the U of A. Steve is a member of the department of physical education while Oscar is taking first year law, following three years in Arts.



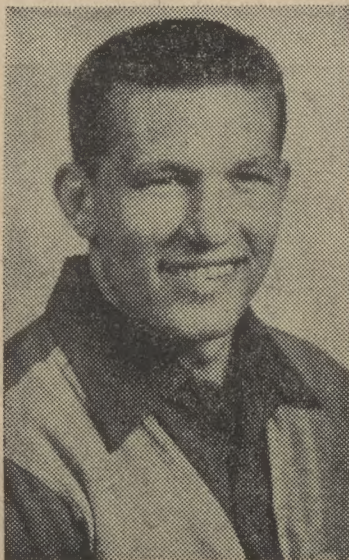
Jackie Parker, Eskimos' tremendously versatile quarterback, faces one of his toughest assignments of the season as the Canadian champions tackle Winnipeg on Varsity Night.



Jim Shipka, fourth year engineering student, is another U. of A. contribution to the Eskimos. He's a rookie with the Grey Cup holders.



Roger Nelson enrolled in dentistry at U of A from Oklahoma.



Dent student John Woyat comes to U of A from the University of Oregon.

Student Night Chance Show U of A Colors

By Stan Moher
(Special to The Gateway)

Varsity, Varsity, hip, hoo, ray
Rip it out, tear it out, U of A
Yeah Eskimos

"Yeah Eskimos?" What has Varsity got to do with the Eskimos? Plenty, students' and more than plenty on the night of Oct. 15, when the Winnipeg Blue Bombers will be at Clarke Stadium for a Western Conference football game against the two time Grey Cup champions.

This night of Oct. 15 will be Varsity Night at the Stadium Eskimo - Blue Bomber pairing promises some exciting moments, considering the struggle developing for the coveted top spot in the final standings.

This night of Oct. 15. will be University Night at the Stadium — 'your night' to live it up in true collegiate style. No need either, to draw a blueprint. Unless those engineers and aggies have run clean out of Hadacol the joint figures to be jumping.

And just for this once why not give imaginations a little play so that it won't be the Eskimos playing the Bumpers—er—Bombers but rather good old Alberta hooking up with the University of Manitoba Bisons.

Not that it takes too much imagination to convert the Eskimos into Golden Bears. Not with U of A graduates Steve Mendryk and Oscar Kruger and undergraduates Roger Nelson, Jim Shipka and John Woyat out there giving it their best for the 'overtown' Eskies.

Besides, take a look at those Esk uniforms. Green and gold, just like the old alma mater. Thereby hangs a tale: the first set of uniforms used by the Esks when Edmonton returned to the conference in 1949 were hand-me-downs purchased from the University of Alberta.

And that's how the Eskimo colors came to be the same as yours. In other words football may be in the mothballs at U of A but not the colors once flaunted so proudly by strong, hard-hitting Golden Bear aggregations. (PS At this point let's observe a minute's silence. Better still, why not get behind a movement to put football back on the sports agenda at the university? Sometimes muscle-over-mind has a place, too.)

'Moe' Lieberman, president of the Eskimos, used to play football for U of A. That was 40 years ago, and more. In other words even as far back as World War one football was king on the Alberta campus.

In the 1920's Alberta boasted a string of potent grid teams. Wally Stirling was the coach. An excellent football teacher and tactician, today he is president of Stanford university. Closer to home you could ask city commissioner Dudley (Dud) Menzies about those green and gold squads of the twenties, and how they rode roughshod over college rivals, and weren't above teaching even the 'senior' Eskimos the facts of football life.

Varsity football enjoyed periods of prosperity and otherwise during the 1930's and '40's. Naturally World War two resulted in considerable demphasis where sports on the campus were concerned and football took its knocks same as everything else.

However, even as recently as 1948 the Golden Bears were a powerful enough gridiron force to challenge the mighty Regina

Roughriders. The game was played at Clarke Stadium and the Riders were extended to win 19-7.

Another highlight of 1948 saw Alberta play host to the University of Saskatchewan, this likewise played at Clarke Stadium. The outcome eludes me but I do remember that the game was a sellout to the extent that the box-office found itself without enough tickets to go around.

No wonder Edmonton was back in football next season.

But enough of these meanderings down memory lane. What's in the works for University Night? Will it be a ball or won't it?

That's kind of up to you, the students. Certainly the Eskimos and Bombers will do their part and Clarke Stadium always provides a wonderful, Cinderella-like setting with its powerful lights and Irish-green turf.

But the 'dancing' and extra gaiety you'll have to chip in with and that's where Gary Campbell, the public relations man, and his aides already have jumped into the act.

You won't even have to get yourself out to the stadium if you want to take advantage of special buses that have been laid on to start leaving from in front of the Students Union building at 7:30 p.m.

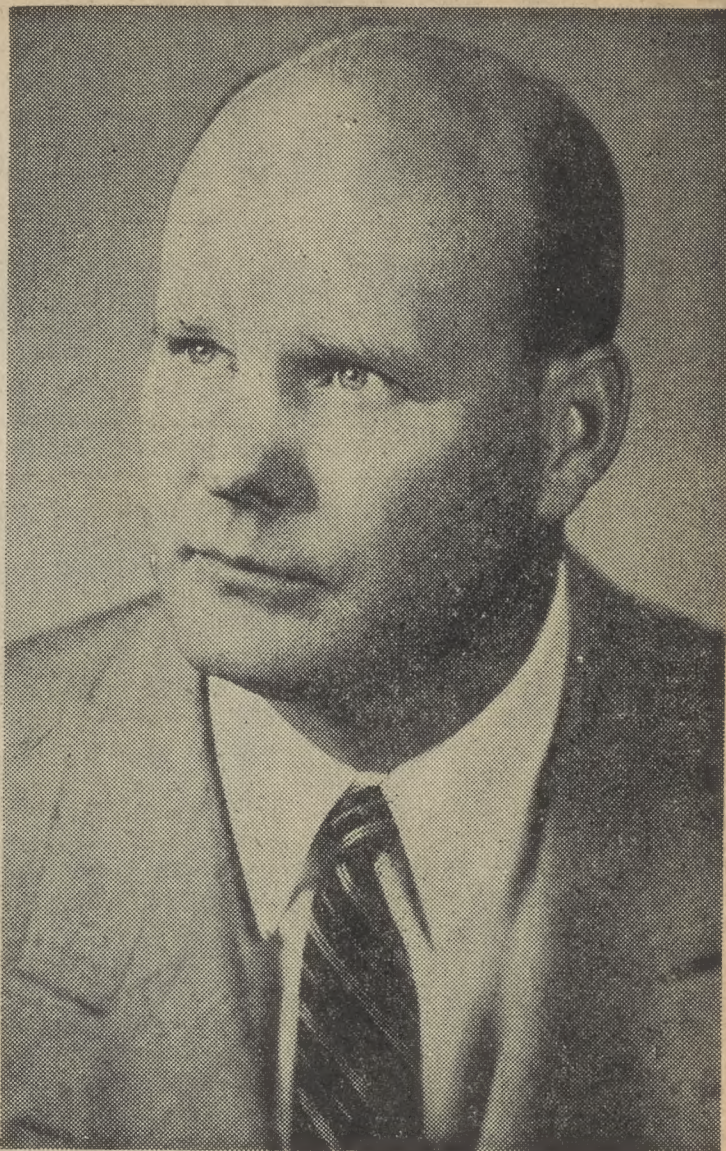
Your seats will be reserved, at reduced prices, too, and just so time doesn't hang heavy on your hands at the halftime interval there'll be plenty of entertainment.

A parade, featuring floats entered by the various faculties and campus organizations, will highlight the 'show'. U of A mixed chorus and a gymnastic display also are on the bill. There will be a pep band and cheerleaders in attendance.

All this is only a prelude to a monster post-game pep rally to be staged back on the campus with Eskies Steve Mendryk, Jim Shipka, Oscar Kruger, Roger Nelson and John Woyat as featured guests.

The Big Block A Club, Gold Key Society and other influential groups are working to put Varsity Night across.

Why not every student, too?



A black and white portrait of a man, likely from the mid-20th century. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and a dark tie. He is also wearing a fedora hat with a dark band. He has dark hair, a high forehead, and is looking slightly to his right with a gentle smile. The background is a plain, light color. The image has a slightly grainy texture, characteristic of older newspaper prints.

Blue Bombers Have Top Varsity Players

A black and white portrait of a young man with short, dark, curly hair. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a gentle smile. He is wearing a dark, possibly black, shirt. The background is a light, textured gray.

A black and white portrait of a man with short, dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. The background is a light, textured gray.

A black and white portrait of a young man with short, dark hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a dark collared shirt under a light-colored jacket. The background is a plain, light color.



TICKETS

Buses will leave SUB at 7 p.m. Monday night to take students to the game. The pep rally will be held immediately after the game in the SUB parking lot. Public relations officials stated that plans for half-time entertainment are progressing according to schedule.